



City of Sebastopol

Public Arts Committee Staff Report

Meeting Date: July 6, 2016
To: Public Arts Committee
From: Kenyon Webster, Planning Director
Subject: Agenda Items
Recommendation: Discuss Items

This memorandum discusses the agenda items for the April 6 Committee meeting.

Item 9A. REVIEW AND DETERMINATIONS REGARDING RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC ART PROJECT: A Request for Qualifications for a public art project was issued, and multiple responses were submitted. The Committee began submittal status determinations at the June 1 meeting and is expected to identify the top three responses at the July 6 meeting.

At the June 1 meeting of the Committee, screening of the over 30 submittals commenced. As reflected in the meeting minutes, ten proposals were selected for further consideration. The Committee agreed to consider any member comments, and that each member would identify their top five proposals at the July 6 meeting.

It is anticipated that following this identification, the top three proposals would emerge. Those three artists would then be asked to create a proposal for consideration by the Committee.

Once finalists are identified, other artists will be notified of their status, and the three finalists will also be notified and asked to begin the process of developing art proposals. The Committee may wish to discuss any direction that should be provided to the finalists.

Item 9B. DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS ON SCULPTURE GARDEN CONCEPT: The Committee had forwarded a recommendation for creation of a sculpture garden area, which was referred back to the Committee after discussion by the City Council.

The Committee has had several discussions of the concept of a designated area for miscellaneous sculptures, such as those created through the Sculpture Jam process, or other pieces proposed to be donated to the City. The Committee recommended the designation of the large grassy area on the Morris Street side of the Public Works property. The City Council discussed this recommendation at their June 21 meeting. The Council was in consensus that while the concept had merit, that any sculpture garden area should be designed as a sculpture garden, and that there should be a theme or other placement criteria for sculpture, rather than being an area where miscellaneous sculptures are placed. They suggested that if the Committee was interested in pursuing the concept, further work on it would be needed.